

On behalf of Mr. Joe Paiva, Executive Director, VLER, the following information is provided as input to the weekly Cabinet Report:

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Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record

During the week of August 6-10, 2012, pilot training will commence in support of electronic Case File Transfer (eCFT), a project within the Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record (VLER) portfolio. eCFT is an electronic method of transferring Service members' records through the Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) process. The Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) selected the Army National Guard Medical Electronic Data (for) Care History And Readiness Tracking (MEDCHART) for implementation at 12 test locations by August 2012. The intent of the IDES eCFT pilot is to create a searchable and paperless electronic claims file. The locations will verify if MEDCHART meets the functional requirements of IDES stakeholders and can serve as the preferred method for stakeholders to enter and retrieve case file information. After the test period, DoD and VA leadership will review metrics produced and determine the feasibility of MEDCHART implementation on a wider scale. By utilizing a shared, paperless and searchable system, the Services and VA will increase the accountability, efficiency and transparency of the IDES process, and improve the quality of service provided to wounded, ill and injured Service members.